

## LOCAL NEWS.

**WEATHER PROBABILITIES.** April 26, 1879. For the Middle Atlantic States southwest to northwest winds, slightly cooler, partly cloudy weather, rising barometer and possibly occasional light rains.

**CHURCH SERVICES, &c., TO-MORROW.**—*Christ Church.*—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by Rev. H. Suter.

*St. Paul's Church.*—Service at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Norton.

*Grace Church.*—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Norton.

*St. Mary's Church.*—Mass at 7 and 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.

*Union Presbyterian Church (First Church).*—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Ballou.

*Second Presbyterian Church.*—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Wm. Dinwiddie.

*Meth. Epis. Church.*—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. L. H. Perce.

*Meth. Epis. Church South.*—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. W. K. Bayle.

*Meth. Prot. Church.*—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by Rev. W. R. Graham.

*At 11 a. m., "The Significance of Prophecy as Prompted by the Holy Ghost," at 7:45 p. m., "City Feast."*

*Baptist Church.*—Service at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. W. S. Penick.

*Young Men's Christian Association.*—Prayer meeting in the Meth. Epis. Church South at 4 p. m. Alms House at 24 p. m. Jail at 2 p. m.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.**—Yesterday morning, the 25th inst., Trustees G. R. Adams and Harvey Bailey, accompanied by Mr. James E. Clements, teacher of Walker School, visited all the public schools in Arlington District for the purpose of examining and closing them. All the schools of the county, on account of the exhaustion of the school funds, are closed this year at the expiration of eight months instead of the usual ten months.

The first school visited was Arlington No. 2, taught by Mr. Geo. W. Smith. This is one of the largest schools in the county, and probably one of the farthest advanced colored schools in the State.

The superintendent, R. L. Carney, every year to one of the schools in the district, to be awarded to the most studious scholar was presented to Sallie Pettit. At the close, County Treasurer Jefferson Taey, who had assisted in the examination, complimented and encouraged the scholars in some very practical remarks, telling them that the prosperity, advancement and respectability of all persons depended entirely upon their own exertions and industry; exhorted them to obey their parents; to mind the precepts and instructions of their teachers; and they would gradually become useful, honorable and intelligent citizens.

Upon invitation from the trustees, Mr. Clements, who acted as examiner, addressed a few words to the scholars, in which he impressed upon their minds the manner in which they should spend their long vacation; said it was often the case that scholars who were not diligent during vacation; try to come back to school at the beginning of the next term able to resume their studies just where they left off. He said that education was becoming a general among all classes and races of people that it was absolutely necessary for every boy and girl growing up at the present time to go to, at least, a good public school education, so as to be able to compete favorably with the great number of skilled and educated men and women that would be engaged in all kinds of business when the little boys and girls of today become men and women and are called upon to manage for themselves.

Mr. George R. Adams, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, made one of his usually impressive speeches, saying he was glad to note the progress of the scholars. There was no county in this State or any other State that spent its money more freely for the education of its children than Alexandria county. He was glad to see the parents of the children present; it showed they were interested in their welfare. Mr. Adams said he was an old man now, verging on his seventieth year; that his greatest desire was the enlightenment and education of the children of this county, and the greatest consolation of his old age was the conscientious feeling that he had done everything in his power that would help them to become useful and intelligent citizens.

Kemper School, No. 3, colored, taught by Miss Ida S. Gray, was then visited. The attendance was very good, and a creditable examination was passed. Some remarks were made, and the school ordered closed till September next by the trustees.

After which Columbia School, No. 1, white, taught by Miss Alice S. Burt, but which is being taught by Miss Mary Reed, was examined in all its branches, and the school was awarded by the teacher to Miss Annie Buckley for diligent application to studies during the entire year. It is not justice to say that the teacher announced that the medal was (quasi) deserved by Miss Lillian Munson, but as Miss Lillian won the superintendent's medal last year, it was thought best to decide in favor of Miss Annie. Mr. Adams made quite a long speech, complimenting the scholars and teachers upon their year's work, and regretted very much the probability of losing Miss Buel as a teacher, she having lately gone to her home in Rochester, N. Y., and is expecting an appointment in a short time as a missionary to China. This school will be kept open by private subscription for about six weeks, under the administration of Miss Mary Reed.

Walker School, white, taught by Mr. James E. Clements, was next visited, for the purpose of holding a reading contest among the scholars for two prizes—a cold medal, kindly awarded by Mr. T. H. Sypher to the best reader, and a premium to the second best reader by the teacher. The contest was conducted in a very quiet and thorough manner, each pupil reading selections from readers and newspapers. The result of the contest will be announced next Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, when an exhibition will be given, at which time the medal and all premiums will be publicly awarded and the school formally closed.

**ARLINGTON DISTRICT.**—Pursuant to a former announcement, a large meeting of conservative voters of Arlington district, was held at Walker's school house on Wednesday evening. Supervisors of elections, Mr. James R. Mead, called the meeting to order and Mr. Geo. H. Adams was called to the chair, and Mr. James E. Clements chosen secretary. Mr. Adams stated the object of the meeting to be to elect the three delegates to the county convention to nominate officers to be voted for at the May election.

There were two sets of delegates nominated, but when the result was announced, Messrs. Joseph Field, Fairfax Taylor and Millard Bird were found to have been chosen by a large majority. The following nominations were made for district officers: For County Supervisor, Mr. W. H. Robertson; for Magistrates, Messrs. Randolph Birch, J. D. Nook, and Wm. Birch; for Constable, Mr. William H. Veitoh.

Votes of thanks were tendered the chairman and secretary, after which the meeting adjourned.

**SINCE** many Alexandrians and Virginians generally will spend their money in Washington and positively pay more for goods than the like can be procured here, I will pay to any person buying from me, his expenses to Washington, for transportation, to his entire satisfaction, and if my clothing, either in ordinary or fine, according to quality and manufacture, are not the cheapest I will refund the money.

For a fine tobby suit of CLOTHING see S. DEALHAM, 62 King st., corner Fairfax.

**PERSONAL.**—Louis E. Payne, esq., late United States District Attorney for Wyoming, returned home last night. Mr. Payne, before his departure from the West, was the recipient of several very handsome testimonials from the bar and others, among which was the following:

**CHEYENNE, WYOMING TERRITORY,** April, 1879.

SIR: It having come to our knowledge that for the reason that the salary and fees allowed by law to a United States district attorney are inadequate in this Territory for his support, and that it is your purpose to resign your office at an early day and to return to your home in the State of Virginia, we have felt it our duty to say to you that your unassuming manners, moral deportment, and honorable bearing during your short stay amongst us have won our confidence and esteem; it is therefore with deep regret that we have learned of one thing which you have assured, that wherever your ship may sail on the voyage of life, or lot be cast, you will carry with you the best wishes of the undersigned for your happiness and success. Very truly yours,

J. W. FISHER,  
Chief Justice Supreme Court, Wyoming.

JACOB B. BLAIR,  
Associate Justice.

WILLIAM WARE PECK,  
Associate Justice.

To Louis E. Payne, esq.

**MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.**—Five strangers crossed the river on the Maryland ferry boat last evening about six o'clock, and walked up into the woods, beyond the landing. They were all pretty dark, and shortly after their arrival were joined by another man who had crossed from this city in a row boat. A few minutes after they disappeared into the brush, several pistol shots were heard, and three of the men, including the one who last joined them, came back to this city. One of the parties while crossing the river told Captain Griffin, who he equities were made about him, he lived in Alexandria, but falsified his statement by taking the last train for Washington.

**FIRE.**—There was an alarm of fire at noon to day, which brought out the entire fire department. It was caused by the discovery of flames issuing from a closet under the steps in the residence of Mrs. Lindsey, on the east side of Lee street, near Dakota. The flames were fortunately extinguished by the neighbors, without the aid of the firemen. The cause of the fire could not be ascertained, but it is supposed to have been caused by a child playing with matches. As an instance of the promptness of our firemen, it may be mentioned that within three minutes after the alarm was sounded, the whole department was on the ground ready for service.

**CITY SCHOOL BOARD.**—At eight o'clock last night there were present at the Peabody building S. C. Neal, esq., chairman, and Messrs. Gregory, Herbert, Kemper, Snowden and Washington, trustees, and Superintendent Carney, in one short of a quorum, but as the majority of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, from which the estimates for the school year 1879-80 were to be reported, could not be present on account of a meeting of the City Council, the Board immediately adjourned over until Friday night next.

**THE KROES INSTITUTE.**—The Catholic organization which had adopted the title of "The Keane Literary Institute" having been requested by Bishop Keane to change its name to that of some deceased person, subsequently adopted the title above given, in memory of Rev. Peter Kroes, the former beloved pastor of St. Mary's Church. The fine hall on Fairfax street, near King, just vacated by Andrew Jackson Mason Lodge, has been rented and most of the handsome furniture purchased, and on the 1st of May the Institute will open there.

**HOME AGAIN.**—The Alexandria members of the Potomac jury returned home last night. They seem well pleased with their treatment while in Richmond, faring much better than those talesters who were rejected. Mr. Henry Jaques, of this city, was elected foreman of the jury. Alexandria jurors seem to be particularly effective in Richmond, as besides this case the convictions of Jeter Phillips and J. H. Sands were both made by juries from this city.

**NORFOLK STEAMERS.**—The repairs to the steamer Jane Mosely have been completed and she will resume her place on the Norfolk line on Monday evening. The steamer Lady of the Lake will then be taken off the line and repaired. On Saturday next both steamers will commence running to Norfolk, making five trips a week.

**FISH REPORT.**—Since yesterday's report the receipts of fish at Fishtown have considerably increased. There were reported this morning about 5,000 shad and 150,000 herrings, the former of which sold at \$3.50 per hundred and the latter at 7.50 per thousand. Heavy receipts are expected during the warm weather.

**THE SHINN CASE.**—In the Court of Appeals, at Richmond, yesterday, the Shinn case was argued by S. G. Brent, esq., of this city, and the Attorney General for the Commonwealth, and submitted. A decision is expected next Thursday.

It makes a person feel sad to hear a crying baby, suffering from some slight pain, which could be easily relieved by the use of Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup, which is for sale at all drug stores.

At this tedious season the system needs clearing to ward off the dreadful feelings attending an early attack, and nothing can do so more effectually than J. M. Larque's Anti-Bilious Bitters, manufactured by W. E. Thorne, Baltimore, Md. Sold by all druggists, \$1 per bottle, or small package at 25c.

For one of those 60c Hats, worth \$1.00 and \$1.50, call at the Bess Clothing House. These Hats are of fashionable style and are of really good quality.

Patent Ice Cream Freezers—We have just received an invoice of the Gooch Patent Ice Cream Freezers, acknowledged to be best. Call and examine at McLEAN & UHLERS, 75 King Street.

SMALL SUGAR CURED SHOULDERS received to day by J. C. MILBURN.

CROQUETTS AND CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES. A full line at prices to suit the times at O. C. BERRY'S.

56 DOZ THREE LB CAN TOMATOES received to day at 10c per can by J. C. MILBURN.

NEW TURKISH PRUNES for sale at 8c a lb by F. J. DAVISON, 147 King Street.

SMALL SUGAR CURED HAMS, Maryland brand, just received by J. C. MILBURN.

1 BBL PRIME TURKISH PRUNES received to day and for sale at J. C. MILBURN.

10 DOZ THREE POUND CAN TOMATOES received to day by J. C. MILBURN.

SMALL HAMS at J. C. MILBURN'S, 19 North Royal St.

SUGAR CURED DRIED BEEF, by the piker, sliced or clipped, for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

TOBACCO at reduced prices for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

## CITY COUNCIL.

There was a called meeting of the City Council last night, to consider the debt compromise bill.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

This Board met promptly with seven members present.

Immediately upon assembling the debt bill, as prepared by Corporation Attorney Stuart was read and passed without debate, after which the Board adjourned.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

The Council deferred its opening until the Aldermen had passed the new compromise bill, and upon assembling their first business was the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. A. Schofield, a member from the Third Ward, and ordering a special ballot at the regular May election to fill the vacancy.

The new compromise act was read the first and second times.

Mr. Eschberg said that if in order he would like the resolution which follows the bill to be read.

The resolution which appears in the official proceedings of the Aldermen, in their columns, was read. It provides that no bonds shall be granted until the further order of Council.

When the 10th section of the bill had been read.

Mr. Eschberg said—I would like to ask one question for information. Say for instance this agreement shall be signed by only part of the bondholders; whether this bill commits us to issue these bonds, say \$100,000, or \$200,000, and have the rest unfunded.

Mr. Sanders then asked a question as to whether the bill would be under a different responsibility as to these bonds. You will leave the old coupons coming in as now, and the new bonds with a right to redeem in ten or thirty days. Now there is no such right, and before Council bound up the town in such a way it should look well at all the consequences. He would like information in relation to that.

Corporation Attorney Stuart said when Council directed him to draw this bill no one suggested this difficulty, and of course he did not provide for it. After the act was drawn the subsequent resolution was so arranged as if possible to cover the difficulty. He was not sure however that the present bill would not bind Council to issue the new bonds to all who should demand them, even if a portion only made the demand.

Mr. Hill asked with Mr. Eschberg. It would be remembered, he said, that at the meeting of the Council a short time since Mr. Eschberg had proposed when the plan was first suggested to see what proportion of the bondholders would fund. Until that was done it was dangerous to go on.

Mr. Sanders thought it would be useless to pass this bill and get ourselves into a worse difficulty than we now are. If only a portion of the bondholders funded they would have judgment and execution already, while the unfunded coupons would be used to pay taxes, and the city have no money at all to pay its expenses.

Mr. Eschberg—The proposition to have offered that city coupon would have been when the proposition was offered as the last meeting. Mr. Eschberg held it was too late now.

Mr. Sanders—The proposition was to fund the debt.

Mr. Hill said the proposition then was not to fund a part of the debt, but to fund the whole of it, and nothing less would have been agreed.

Mr. Eschberg—I'll tell you one thing, Mr. Hill will not cut out his circulars unless Council pass this bill.

Mr. Stuart (Corporation Attorney)—I will say I know that Mr. Hill is not in favor of a compulsory issue of bonds. He himself suggested to me some amendment by which this plan should not take effect until a sufficient number had funded to make it successful.

Mr. Eschberg wanted to vote for the bill but could not do so with the lights before him. He suggested an adjournment until a conference with Mr. Hill could be held.

Mr. Hill thought that an amendment could be introduced now.

It was proposed to amend the bill by providing that it should not take effect until a sufficient number of the bondholders had agreed to it, but this was thought too indefinite.

Mr. Eschberg—I move we adjourn until Tuesday night next.

This was agreed to, and the Board adjourned accordingly.

## FOREIGN ITEMS.

Julius Ferry's education bill is a main issue in the present political and religious discussion in France.

The Emperor of Austria has celebrated his silver wedding by granting amnesty to 212 prisoners.

A dispatch from Calcutta says the Burmese warlike preparations have apparently been suspended. The King is still drinking heavily.

The Turkish regulars have surrounded the Albanian raiders in Serbia and deprived them of their plunder, which will be restored to the Serbian owners.

The war between Chili and Peru is being vigorously prosecuted. Ammunition for the combats from the U. S. has arrived in England en route. England will probably pre-empt neutrality.

Esland and France have not yet decided whether they accept the Port's offer to deposit him or not depends upon his own course. The return of Mr. Vivian to take the place of Mr. Richard Wilson is unfavorably commented upon.

A military tribunal assembled yesterday in St. Petersburg to pass judgment on an officer of the Russian army for firing at a grandame who had been ordered to search the officer's house. Three Russian students are to be tried to day for high treason.

## FIRES.

CINCINNATI, April 25.—A dispatch from Piqua, Ohio this morning states that the Piqua Flouring Mills have been burned, also that the extensive car mill of Orr & Leonard, adjoining, were badly damaged. Loss \$50,000 to \$75,000, probably insured.

A dispatch states that the barn and out buildings of C. H. Beck, near Philadelphia, Wayne county, Ind., were burned yesterday, together with the farming implements, carriages, several horses and a large amount of grain. Loss \$15,000, uninsured.

The bad effects of imprudence in eating and drinking are speedily removed, and the depression following eating is quickly banished by the use of Dr. Hall's Baltimore Pills. Price, 25 cents.

## NEW YORK, March, 1876.

GILES & Co.—GENTS: I have for more than one year prescribed your Liniment with the very best results. I have found it as an application in inflammation of the lungs (pneumonia) or in plenty one of the very best. It cures the disease or puts it rapidly. In cases of irregularity of the heart's action depending on nervous irritation, it acts promptly. After being made acquainted with the combination of your Liniment, and seeing its action in so large a number of cases, I do not hesitate to recommend it both to the public and the profession. Yours truly,

ROBERT S. NEWTON, M. D., 137 W. 47th Street, For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

For the Spring of 1879 I have prepared one of the choicest stocks of Stylish Clothing I ever produced, and my prices are as low as the cost of labor and material will permit.

S. KATZENSTEIN, 210 7th Street, Near Pennsylvania Avenue.

For New York custom made CLOTHING, warranted not to rip, see S. DEALHAM, 62 King st., corner Fairfax.

## OFFICIAL.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held April 25, 1879, there were present: K. K. Downham, esq., President, and Messrs. Moore, Marbury, Strauss, Kishel, Smith and Keil.

At act to accept and ratify an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved February 27, 1879, and to authorize the preparation and issue of bonds or certificates for arrears of interest, in accordance with the terms thereof, was read three times, and passed by the following yeas, Messrs. Moore, Marbury, Strauss, Kishel, Smith, Keil and Mr. President—NINE, nemo.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Moore, was adopted, viz:

Resolved by the City Council of Alexandria, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby directed, to cause to be forthwith printed the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed February 27th, 1879, authorizing the city of Alexandria to fund its debt, and the act of the City Council, passed April 25th, 1879, together with such requests or recommendations of any of the city creditors relating to a statement of the city debt, as provided by said act which may deem proper, and to at once cause to be forwarded to each of the city creditors a copy thereof with the request that they shall accept its terms, and surrender, to be refunded, their bonds, certificates

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and Auditor be, and they are hereby directed not to print the bonds or certificates of stock as provided by said act until the further order of the Council.

The Board then adjourned.

JNO. J. JAMIESON, Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, held April 25, 1879, there were present: James T. Beckham, esq., President, and Messrs. Adams, Stanton, Feltz, Rice, Proders, Kieberg, McLean, Hill and Peake.

The following letter of resignation was received from Mr. A. Schofield, member of this board from the 3d ward, and his resignation accepted, viz:

Zanesville, O., April 22, 1879. J. T. Beckham, esq., President of the Common Council of Alexandria, Va.

Dear Sir—As there is no probability of my being in Alexandria again before July, 1879, and as I have no objection to resigning as a member of the Common Council from the 3d ward.

Yours respectfully,

ANSELMUS SCHENFELD.

And thereupon it was ordered that an election be held in said ward on the 4th Thursday in May, 1879, to elect a member, and that the same judges and commissioners acting in the general election held on that day be also empowered to act in said special election.

An act to accept and ratify an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved February 27, 1879, and to authorize the preparation and issue of bonds and certificates for arrears of interest, in accordance with the terms thereof, with accompanying resolutions instructing the Mayor to have printed the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved February 27, 1879, and the act above mentioned, together with such requests or recommendations of any of the city creditors relating to a settlement of the debt, as he may deem proper, and send copies thereof to the creditors, with the request that they accept the terms therein proposed, and also restraining the preparation of the bonds and certificates until the further order of Council, were received from the Board of Aldermen and the said act read twice, whereupon

The Board adjourned till Tuesday, April 29, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Teste: JAMES R. CATON, Clerk.

## COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, April 25.—The sales of Flour continue light. The receipts of Wheat are limited, and there were no choice offerings of Lancaster to-day, and the only sales were at 100 and 110. Corn has advanced, and about 400 bushels sold at 45 and 46. Nothing doing in Rye or Oats.

BALTIMORE, Ap. 25.—Virginia Gold deferred 75; do consolidated 64; do 21 series 41; past due coupons 81; Sugar steady; A soft 8.81. Cotton weak; middling 11. Flour firm and in fair demand, but without change in quotations. Wheat—Southern firm and higher; do Western and firm; Southern red 11.81; do 2 Western winter red spot and April 11.81; May and June 11.81; 11.81. Corn—Southern quiet and steady; Western steady; Southern white 45.40; do yellow 45.40; do mixed red and April 45.40; May 45.40; June 45.40; steamer 41. Oats quiet and steady; Southern 31.87; Western 31.87; do mixed 32.33; Penna 33.33. Rye quiet and unchanged. Hay firm and unchanged. Coffee quiet and unchanged. Whiskey dull and unchanged.

NEW YORK, Ap. 25.—Stocks irregular. Money 34. Flour firm. Wheat quiet. Ore firmer.

COAL REPORT.—The following is a report of the receipts and shipments of coal during the week ending to-day:

Amer. Coal Co., J. H. Parrott, Jr., Agt., 2,552 Hamp. & Balt., Edward Herbert, Agt., 659 J. P. Agnew & Co., 500

Total..... 4,092

SHIPMENTS.

American Coal Co., 1,615 Hamp. & Balt., 299 J. P. Agnew & Co., 350

Total..... 2,265

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, APRIL 25, 1879.

Sun rises..... 5:11 Sun sets..... 6:45

ARRIVED.

Schr S. W. Wilson, Peconoke, to Perry, Smoot & Co.

Schr A. E. Smyrk, Washington, to J. P. Agnew & Co.

Schr Cornelius, Washington, to J. P. Agnew & Co.

CLEARED.

Sr George Lear, Norfolk, by P. B. Hoar.

Sr J. W. Thompson, Norfolk, by P. A. Keel.

Schr T. B. Taylor, Philadelphia, by Wm. A. Smoot.

Schr A. E. Smyrk, Norfolk, by J. P. Agnew & Co.

Schr Cornelius, Norfolk, by J. P. Agnew & Co.

PASSED UP.

Schr H. H. Leight, Laura, C. Wolf, H. H. Miller, Arlio Garwood, Calvin S. Edwards, Mary & Francis, Edward Doran and J. S. Hewitt, all from Philadelphia for Washington.

Schr S. B. Wheeler, Philadelphia; Carrie Holman, New York; G. C. A. Travers and David E. Wolf, Haver, Geo. Green, all for Georgetown.

PASSED DOWN.

Schr W. L. Abbott, Georgetown for Providence; Lucie Graham, do for do; A. E. Paige, do for Portland.

MEMORANDA.

Schr L. D. Rathbun, Georgetown, for Boston, at Hyannis 23rd, with head of foremost goods, (will be towed to Boston).

Schr Earl P. Mason sailed from Providence for Georgetown 23rd.

JANNEY'S PALACE SODA FOUNTAIN.—Branch store, cor. King and Royal Sts.—We have just, at great expense, put up at our Branch Store an elegant BIGELOW PALACE SODA WATER APPARATUS, and are prepared to dispense the purest and coldest Mineral Waters with genuine Fruit Syrup at FIVE CENTS PER GLASS. Having also purchased a TURF'S PATENT GENERATING MACHINE for the manufacture of Soda and Mineral Waters, we can guarantee their absolute purity and healthfulness, and are prepared to furnish retailers of the same by the Fountain. Thankful for the liberal patronage extended to us in previous seasons, we promise our best and unremitting efforts to merit its continuance.

By order of the Board of Health:

HEALTH NOTICE.

As the hot weather is approaching, it is important that housekeepers should thoroughly clean their premises; and I hereby give notice to this effect, to have their back yards and alleys cleared of all filth, of whatever kind and description, under penalty of the law.